

Please add the following claims:

6. (New) The process of claim 2 further comprising the step of applying an organic or inorganic primer to the metal surface before applying a powder of an adhesive polymer composition to the metal surface.

7. (New) The process of claim 2 wherein pressure is applied during step (c).

8. (New) The process of claim 3 wherein pressure is applied during step (c).

9. (New) The process of claim 6 wherein pressure is applied during step (c).

10. (New) Articles obtainable by the process according to claim 2.

11. (New) Articles obtainable by the process according to claim 3.

12. (New) Articles obtainable by the process according to claim 6.

An early and favorable action on the merits is solicited earnestly.

Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding this application or this amendment, Applicants' attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss the case with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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